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I am present on behalf of the Connecticut State Electrology Association, and to show my support of the members here today.

Qualified electrologists have worked for many years with the science of hair removal, and are comfortable and competent with the technology and technical skill of hair removal. All of the factors and parameters that are involved in assessing and treating a patient for an electrolysis procedure are the same as the parameters used in the evaluation and treatment of laser hair removal.

I am a Board Certified Physician, and have been practicing laser hair removal for over seven years. Speaking from more than several years of experience, I would by far choose an electrologist to perform laser hair removal in our practice rather than an Emergency Medical Technician or a Nurse to perform this procedure.

In my educated opinion, to put it simply, electrologists exclusively deal with hair removal treatments day in and day out. This concentrated emphasis of practice is unique to electrologists, who go through rigorous training and a strict assessment of both theoretical and practical skills before becoming licensed and state certified in their trade.

Hair removal, or specifically laser hair removal, is not a specialty that should be reserved for physicians exclusively. Specifically a neighboring state allows virtually anyone to be a hair removal technician without formal training, and other states allow electrologists to perform laser hair removal.

Laser hair removal is a wonderful asset to our medical spa, but one I feel does not specifically have to be performed by a physician. I, without a second thought, would be comfortable having an electrologist perform laser hair procedures on me. I feel that an educated electrologist is extremely competent in assessing a patient, treating a patient, and be able to recognize factors that may affect a treatment and educate the patient on these points.

I am in full support of certified electrologists performing laser hair removal.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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